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The Honorable Joe Neguse
United States House of Representatives
Longworth House Office Building 1419
Washington, D. C. 20515

cc: Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee, House Committee on Natural Resources, United States House of Representatives

Subject: Support for H. R. 5001 -- To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to continue to implement endangered fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, and for other purposes.

Dear Representative Neguse:

As a participant in and supporter of the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program, I am writing to express support of the Colorado Water Congress for H. R. 5001. The bill provides some necessary amendments to the authorizing legislation for the recovery programs (P. L. 106-392) that are needed at this time to assure continuity in recovery program operations. This is important to water users throughout the Upper Colorado River basin as the Upper Colorado Recovery Program provides Endangered Species Act compliance for approximately 2,200 water projects while recovering endangered fish species.

Our thanks to you for introducing the legislation. We look forward to its passage by the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Doug Kemper
Executive Director

October 29, 2021

The Honorable Joe Neguse
United States House of Representatives
Longworth House Office Building 1419
Washington, D. C. 20515

Re: Support for H. R. 5001 -- To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to continue to implement endangered fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, and for other purposes.

Dear Representative Neguse:

Colorado Springs Utilities is the largest community-owned, not-for-profit, four-service utility in the nation. We have provided water, wastewater, gas, and electric utility services to approximately 450,000 residents in the Pikes Peak Region for almost 100 years.

As a participant in and supporter of the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program, we are writing to express our support for H. R. 5001. This bill provides necessary amendments to the authorizing legislation for the recovery programs (P. L. 106-392) to ensure continuity in recovery program operations. The Upper Colorado Recovery Program provides Endangered Species Act compliance for approximately 2,200 water projects while recovering endangered fish species. As such, the success and continuation of these programs is of paramount importance to meeting Colorado Springs Utilities' water and energy supply needs.

Our thanks to you for introducing this legislation, and we look forward to its passage by the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Earl Wilkinson III, P.E.
Chief Water, Compliance, and Innovation Officer

CC: Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee, House Committee on Natural Resources, United States House of Representatives

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Marshall P. Brown,
General Manager of Aurora Water



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Subject: Support for H. R. 5001 -- To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to continue to implement endangered fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, and for other purposes.

Dear Representative Neguse:

As a participant in and supporter of the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program, I am writing to express my support for H. R. 5001. The bill provides some necessary amendments to the authorizing legislation for the recovery programs (P. L. 106-392) that are needed at this time to assure continuity in recovery program operations. This is important to our organization and water users throughout the San Juan River basin as the San Juan Recovery Program provides Endangered Species Act compliance for water projects while recovering endangered fish species.

Our thanks to you for introducing the legislation. We look forward to its passage by the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

David M. Sypher, P. E.
Community Works Director

cc: Rep. Herrell
Rep. Stansbury
Rep. Leger Fernandez



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Our thanks to you for introducing the legislation. We look forward to its passage by the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sean P. Chambers".

Sean Chambers
Director of Water and Sewer



Dolores Water Conservancy District

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November 1, 2021

The Honorable Joe Neguse
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cc: Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee, House Committee on Natural Resources,
United States House of Representatives

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Dear Representative Neguse:

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My thanks to you for introducing the legislation. I look forward to its passage by the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. [unclear]", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

DWCD General Manager

San Juan Water Commission

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MEMBERS:
City of Aztec
City of Bloomfield
City of Farmington
San Juan County
S.J. County Rural Water Users
Association

October 27, 2021

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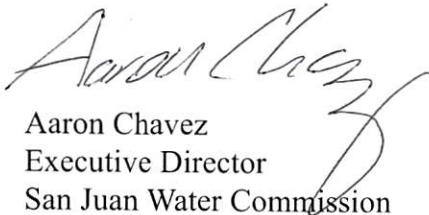
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Dear Representative Neguse:

As a participant in and supporter of the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program, I am writing to express my support for H. R. 5001. The bill provides some necessary amendments to the authorizing legislation for the recovery programs (P. L. 106-392) that are needed at this time to assure continuity in recovery program operations. This is important to our organization and water users throughout the San Juan River basin as the San Juan Recovery Program provides Endangered Species Act compliance for water projects while recovering endangered fish species.

Our thanks to you for introducing the legislation. We look forward to its passage by the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Aaron Chavez
Executive Director
San Juan Water Commission



THE SOUTHWESTERN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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*Subject: **Support for H. R. 5001** -- To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to continue to implement endangered fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, and for other purposes.*

Dear Representative Neguse:

I am writing to express my support for H.R. 5001 on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Southwestern Water Conservation District, which has supported the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Programs since their inception.

H.R. 5001 provides necessary amendments to the authorizing legislation for the recovery programs (P. L. 106-392) that are needed to assure continuity in recovery program operations. The ongoing success and stability of the Upper Colorado and San Juan Recovery Programs is a priority for our District and water users throughout the San Juan and Dolores River basins as the San Juan Recovery Program provides Endangered Species Act compliance for water projects while recovering endangered fish species.

We are grateful for your leadership in introducing H.R. 5001 and look forward to its passage by the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Steve Wolff, General Manager
Southwestern Water Conservation District



UTAH WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

October 27, 2021

**Rodney Banks, President
Utah Water Users Association**

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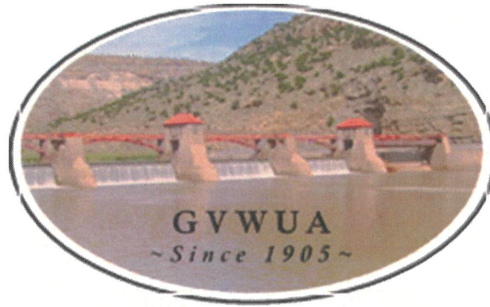
Dear Representative Neguse:

Many members of the Utah Water Users Association receive water from the Colorado River, and benefit from the success of the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program. I am writing to express support of the Utah Water Users Association for H. R. 5001. The bill provides necessary amendments to the authorizing legislation for the recovery programs (P. L. 106-392) that are needed at this time to assure continuity in recovery program operations. This is important to water users throughout the Upper Colorado River basin as the Upper Colorado Recovery Program provides Endangered Species Act compliance for approximately 2,200 water projects while recovering endangered fish species.

Our thanks to you for introducing the legislation. We look forward to its passage by the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

**Rodney Banks
President
Utah Water Users Association**



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Dear Representative Neguse:

As a participant in and supporter of the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program, I am writing to express my support for H. R. 5001. The bill provides some necessary amendments to the authorizing legislation for the recovery programs (P. L. 106-392) that are needed at this time to assure continuity in recovery program operations. This is important to our organization and water users throughout the Upper Colorado River basin as the Upper Colorado Recovery Program provides Endangered Species Act compliance for approximately 2,200 water projects while recovering endangered fish species.

Our thanks to you for introducing the legislation. We look forward to its passage by the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact me at your convenience.

Mark Harris
General Manager
Grand Valley Water Users Association

October 27, 2021

The Honorable Joe Neguse
United States House of Representatives
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cc: Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee, House Committee on Natural Resources, United States House of Representatives (via email)

Subject: Support for H. R. 5001 -- To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to continue to implement endangered fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, and for other purposes.

Dear Representative Neguse:

As a participant in and supporter of the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program, I am writing to express my support for H. R. 5001. The bill provides some necessary amendments to the authorizing legislation for the recovery programs (P. L. 106-392) that are needed at this time to assure continuity in recovery program operations. This is important to our organization and water users throughout the Upper Colorado River basin as the Upper Colorado Recovery Program provides Endangered Species Act compliance for approximately 2,200 water projects while recovering endangered fish species.

Our thanks to you for introducing the legislation. We look forward to its passage by the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Mike Berry
General Manager



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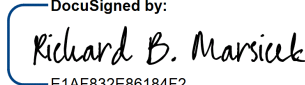
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Our thanks to you for introducing the legislation. We look forward to its passage by the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Richard B. Marsicek
Chief of Water Resource Strategy

cc: Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee, House Committee on Natural Resources, United States House of Representatives



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

November 2, 2021

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United States House of Representatives
Longworth House Office Building 1419
Washington, D.C. 20515

Subject: Support for H. R. 5001 -- To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to continue to implement endangered fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, and for other purposes.

Dear Representative Neguse:

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has been participating in and supporting the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program since its inception in 1992. The Tribe strongly supports H.R. 5001, which extends for one year the recovery programs (P.L. 106-392) essential for continuity of recovery program operations. This is important to our Tribe because the San Juan Recovery Program provides Endangered Species Act compliance for tribal water projects while also recovering endangered fish species.

Thank you for introducing the legislation. We look forward to its swift passage by the House of Representatives. Please let us know how we can be of support.

Sincerely,

Melvin J. Baker
Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

cc: Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee, House Committee on Natural Resources, United States House of Representatives



November 2, 2021

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Dear Representative Neguse:

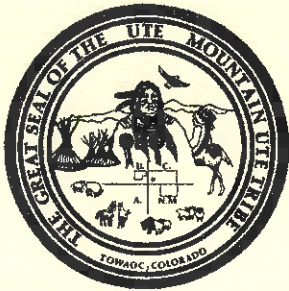
On behalf of the Municipal Subdistrict, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District as a participant in and supporter of the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program, I am writing to express my support for H. R. 5001. The bill provides some necessary amendments to the authorizing legislation for the recovery programs (P. L. 106-392) that are needed at this time to assure continuity in recovery program operations. This is important to our organization and water users throughout the Upper Colorado River basin as the Upper Colorado Recovery Program provides Endangered Species Act compliance for approximately 2,200 water projects while recovering endangered fish species.

Our thanks to you for introducing the legislation. We look forward to its passage by the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Bradley D. Wind, P.E.
General Manager



UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE

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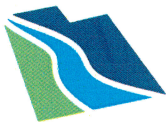
Dear Representative Neguse:

As a participant in the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program, I am writing to express support for H.R. 5001. The bill provides some necessary amendments to the authorizing legislation for the recovery programs (P.L. 106-392) that are needed at this time to assure continuity in recovery program operations. This is important to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe as the San Juan River Recovery Program provides Endangered Species Act compliance for tribal water projects, namely the Animas La-Plata project, while also recovering endangered fish species, pursuant to the Colorado Ute Settlement Act Amendments of 2000 (Title III of Pub. L. No. 106-554).

Our thanks to you for introducing H.R. 5001. We look forward to its passage by the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact Leland Begay, Associate General Counsel, at lelandbegay@utemountain.org.

Sincerely,

Manuel Heart
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Chairman



CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Al Mansell *Chair of the Board*
Shelley Brennan *Vice Chair of the Board*
Gene Shawcroft *General Manager / CEO*

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Dear Representative Neguse:

Central Utah Water Conservancy District receives water from the Colorado River, and benefits from the success of the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program. I am writing to express support of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District for H. R. 5001. The bill provides necessary amendments to the authorizing legislation for the recovery programs (P. L. 106-392) that are needed at this time to assure continuity in recovery program operations. This is important to the District as a water user in the Upper Colorado River basin as the Upper Colorado Recovery Program provides Endangered Species Act compliance for approximately 2,200 water projects while recovering endangered fish species.

Our thanks to you for introducing the legislation. We look forward to its passage by the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Gene Shawcroft, PE
General Manager/CEO



November 3, 2021

The Honorable Joe Neguse
United States House of Representatives
Longworth House Office Building 1419
Washington, D. C. 20515


Subject: Support for H. R. 5001

Dear Representative Neguse:

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, a not-for-profit electric cooperative serving 42 distribution cooperative members in Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Wyoming, is a participant in and supporter of the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program. Tri-State expresses its support for H.R. 5001, scheduled for a hearing in the House Natural Resources Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee on November 4, 2021. The bill provides some necessary amendments to the authorizing legislation for the recovery programs (P. L. 106-392) that are needed at this time to assure continuity in recovery program operations. This is important to Tri-State and water users throughout the Upper Colorado River basin as the Upper Colorado Recovery Program provides Endangered Species Act compliance for approximately 2,200 water projects while recovering endangered fish species.

Tri-State appreciates your work on this issue and introducing the legislation. Tri-State looks forward to its passage by the Natural Resources Committee and the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding Tri-State's support, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

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Barbara Walz, SVP
Chief Compliance Officer

cc: Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee, House Committee on Natural Resources, United States House of Representatives

BW/dlk



November 3, 2021

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United States House of Representatives
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Our thanks to you for introducing the legislation. We look forward to its passage by the House of Representatives. If you have any questions regarding our support, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alden Vanden Brink". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alden" being the most prominent.

Alden Vanden Brink

District Manager,

Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District

November 3, 2021

The Honorable Joe Neguse
1419 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: H.R. 5001, Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act

Dear Representative Neguse:

As partners in the successful fish recovery programs on the Upper Colorado River, we write in support of H.R. 5001, the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act. This legislation is critically important to maintaining the momentum we have built towards species recovery.

The Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program and the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program are highly successful collaborative conservation partnerships involving the states of New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming, as well as Indian tribes, federal agencies, and water, power, and environmental interests. These programs take a balanced approach to recovering four endangered fish species by implementing a range of basin-wide strategies, including optimizing operations for authorized purposes at federal water facilities and management of irrigation infrastructure, river and floodplain habitat improvement, fish stocking, and management of non-native fish species while still allowing water use and development in our growing Western communities. Since 1988, the programs have provided Endangered Species Act compliance without litigation for over 2,500 federal, tribal, state, and privately managed water projects across the Upper Colorado River basin. The programs are cost shared by the states, water users, and power customers.

Your legislation makes necessary technical amendments to the programs to assure continuity in recovery program operations until we can pursue a longer-term reauthorization after 2023. We appreciate your leadership on this issue and urge swift passage for H.R. 5001 in the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Leslie James
Executive Director
Colorado River Energy Distributors Association

Carlos Fernandez
Colorado State Director
The Nature Conservancy

Tom Pitts
Water Users Representative
Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program
San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program

Bart Miller
Healthy Rivers Program Director
Western Resource Advocates

CC: The Honorable Jared Huffman, Chair, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife
The Honorable Cliff Bentz, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife



COLORADO
Colorado Water
Conservation Board
Department of Natural Resources



November 2, 2021

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Re: Support of H.R.5001—To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to continue to implement endangered fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, and for other purposes.

Dear Representative Neguse:

This letter expresses our support of H.R.5001, the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Recovery Act. This legislation provides necessary amendments to the authorization for the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program and San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Programs (P.L. 106-392) to assure continuity in recovery programs' operations. The amendments are important to the Upper Division states of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming because the recovery programs benefit the recovery of four threatened and endangered native fish species and provide Endangered Species Act compliance for more than 2,500 water projects in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.

We thank you for your leadership in pursuing this legislation and we look forward to continuing our work.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Mitchell
Director
Colorado Water Conservation Board

Brian C. Steed
Executive Director
Utah Department of Natural Resources

John R. D'Antonio Jr., P.E.
State Engineer
New Mexico

Greg Lanping
State Engineer
Wyoming

cc: The Honorable Lauren Boebert
The Honorable Ken Buck
The Honorable Jason Crow
The Honorable Diana DeGette
The Honorable Doug Lamborn
The Honorable Ed Perlmutter

The Honorable Liz Cheney

The Honorable John Curtis
The Honorable Blake Moore
The Honorable Burgess Owens
The Honorable Chris Stewart

The Honorable Teresa Leger Fernandez
The Honorable Yvette Herrell
The Honorable Melanie Stransbury

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